# Mountain Weather Forecast

## North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 04 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 05 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 04 Nov 2023 at 02:52 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** Generally high, but low for extent of low cloud and any rain or showers on Saturday. Low for timing of rain on Wednesday.

**Headline for Saturday 04 Nov 2023:** Cold and cloudy with some rain and summit snow.

**Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 04 Nov 2023**

**Blizzards**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**
No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**
No Likelihood

**Gales**
No Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**
Low Likelihood

**Poor visibility**
Medium Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**
No Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**
No Likelihood

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | FOG | FOG | FOG | FOG | |
| Cloudy | Fog | Fog | Fog | Fog | Cloudy |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| 30% | 40% | 30% | 20% | 10% | 10% |

**Forecast for Saturday 04 Nov 2023**

**Weather:** Some light rain and summit snow for much of the morning, mainly across southern hills, most persistent over Ben Alder. The Northern Cairngorms and Monadhliath hills likely to be dry, perhaps some brighter spells. Focus for any rain and summit snow shifts east over the Cairngorms in the afternoon. All ranges likely to be dry in the evening, but low cloud persisting.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 30% in the south, 60% in the north.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Visibility often poor in low cloud, Cloud bases generally around 600m at first rising to 800-900m, although the higher munros tops of the Cairngorms likely to be above the cloud for much of the morning and early afternoon. Cloud likely to lower to around 700-800m in the evening.

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**Forecast for Saturday 04 Nov 2023**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | 13/17 SE | 19/24 SE | 17/21 SE | 13/17 E | 14/18 E | 10/14 E | 8/11 E |
| **900** | 7/9 SE | 11/15 SE | 7/9 E | 9/12 E | 9/12 SE | 8/10 E | 6/7 E |
| **600** | 3/4 SW | 5/7 N | 4/6 NE | 4/6 NE | 5/7 W | 4/6 NE | 3/5 NW |
| **300** | 1/1 SE | 2/3 NW | 2/5 NE | 1/4 NE | 3/7 E | 3/7 E | 2/3 SW |
| **Glen** | 2/3 N | 2/5 S | 4/6 NE | 3/7 NE | 4/7 N | 3/7 NW | 2/5 NW |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | 0/-5 | -0/-7 | 0/-6 | 0/-5 | -1/-7 | -1/-6 | -1/-5 |
| **900** | 4/1 | 4/-0 | 3/-0 | 3/-0 | 2/-2 | 2/-2 | 2/-1 |
| **600** | 4/2 | 4/1 | 4/2 | 5/4 | 4/2 | 4/2 | 3/2 |
| **300** | 4/3 | 4/3 | 6/5 | 6/6 | 5/4 | 4/3 | 3/2 |
| **Glen** | 2/1 | 3/2 | 6/6 | 7/7 | 5/4 | 4/3 | 3/2 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 1300m | 1200m | 1200m | 1200m | 1200m | 1200m | 1100m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**
Some uncertainty over extent of low cloud rain and summit snow spreads north. Rain falling as snow above 1100m.

**Forecast for Sunday 05 Nov 2023**
**Weather:** Low cloud through the early hours. This lifts in the morning to give a day with some bright or sunny spells. Low cloud may return in the evening, most persistent across western hills.

**Maximum wind:** Light and variable becoming west 5-10 mph.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 20% in the east at first. Otherwise 70-80%

**Low cloud and visibility:** Poor visibility early morning, mainly across the Cairngorms, with frequent cloud above 700m. Some patchy cloud above 900m in the west. Cloud expected to lift by mid-morning to give mostly good visibility. Cloud increase above 700m again in the evening.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius.
**At 800m:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to 3 Celsius. Falling to zero Celsius in the evening.
**Freezing level:** 1200m.

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